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PROPOSED MIDEAST REGIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

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[1](#)1. (U) Per ref A, following are Embassy Sanaa's revised suggestions of both government and private sector participants for the MidEast Regional Justice Forum:

Dr. Adnan Omar al-Jafri  
Minister of Justice  
Newly-appointed to the cabinet (May 2003), professor of international law at Aden University, and Member of Parliament

Judge Hamoud al-Hitar  
Member, Supreme Court  
Former Chairman of the Ulema ("religious scholar") Committee to conduct dialogue to reform fundamentalist terror-related detainees in 2002, considered one of the most moderate Yemeni clerics, prominent reform and human rights activist, close contact of Embassy, former IVP participant in the 1990s

Reem Tariq Abdullah  
Lawyer, Aden  
Maritime and commercial law practice, reform-minded female lawyer, part of well-connected Yemeni family, former Humphrey fellow

Jamal Adimi  
Lawyer, Sanaa  
Commercial law practice, high-profile director of the Forum for Civil Society -- an active non-governmental organization (NGO) engaged in human rights and rule of law reform, U.S. educated (LL.M American University)

Judge Isaam al-Samawi  
Head, Aden Court of Appeals  
Young, fairly traditional judge, dedicated reformer  
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